



# SPAR eNEWS

"Know the Happenings in Shreveport's Public Assembly and Recreation Department"

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### Recreation



SPAR announces the 12th Annual Ice Cream Party, "I Scream for Ice Cream!", on July 18 @ Betty Virginia Park, 5pm to 8pm.

The event will kick-off with local band LOJA, and will offer free ice-cream, free hot air balloon rides, face painting and balloon sculptures by CeCE the Clown, ice-cream eating contest, ice-cream cone stacking contest, information booths by the Shreveport Fire Department, Medicaid/Medicare, Girl Scouts of America, Boy Scouts of America, State Farm Insurance and Caddo Council on Aging. Movie Begins @ 8:30pm, "The Sandlot" on an inflatable movie screen, compliments of the Robinson Film Center.

For additional information call 673-7873.

### Athletics

#### In Memoriam

It is with sadness that SPAR Athletics announces the death of one of its sports officials, Eddie "Doc" Buckles, who passed away May 31. Doc Buckles, as he was affectionately known, was a colorful character around the ball fields and gyms. He was a graduate of Alcorn State University and attended graduate school at The Ohio State University where he received three PhD's. He leaves behind seven children and will be sorely missed.

For athletic information call 673-7871 or log onto our website @ [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org)

### SPAR Presents King & Queen of Swing!



The City of Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation Department (SPAR) presents the "King & Queen of Swing", Jimmy "Mr. Lucky" & Beverly "Lady Luck" Lynch, at Bill Cockrell Community Center, 4109 Pines Road. Dance instructions for Texas Swing (Ballroom), Cha Cha, Two Steppin', Tango, Second Beat "Swing-O" and Line Dances. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00—8:00 PM. Come and Dance with Us! Call 318-629-4185 or 318-869-0945.

### Youth Programs

The SPAR Center Challenge at A.C. Steere, June 21st, was a rousing success while Earth Camp, Shreveport Green, and the LSU Gardening classes are all focusing our kid's attention on Mayor Glover's recycling initiative. We're showing our youth how to make Shreveport greener and prettier, as they're learning to respect nature and do their part to make their neighborhoods look nicer.

The kids are rehearsing their acts for their SPAR Center's parents' night, and readying their displays for the "We Are The World" decorations at the Riverview Hall talent show, Thursday, July 31st. Come downtown and hear them sing and dance Thursday evening at 6 pm, and look at some of the art work they've created this summer.

### Upcoming Events

#### Movies & Moonbeams

- July 3—Apollo 13 (Riverview Park) 8:30 PM
- July 4—Independence Day (Centers Closed)
- July 7—Computer Classes Begin
- July 11—Computer Class Graduation (Lakeside) 11 AM
- July 18—The Sandlot (Betty Virginia Park) 8:30 PM
- July 18 - 12th Annual Ice Cream Party (Betty Virginia Park) 5 PM
- July 13-19—Therapeutic Recreation Week
- July 14—Therapeutic Dance (Riverview Hall) 5:30 PM
- July 25—Therapeutic Camp Picnic (Columbia Park) 8 AM
- July 31—Talent Show (Riverview Hall) 6 PM

### Photo Contest!



SPAR's Recreation Department announces the "Take A Pic, & Win A Tee" photo contest. Take a fantastic photo of your family, friends and you enjoying a SPAR facility or event and win a T-shirt! Contest open to all except SPAR employees and their family. Email photograph to: [frederick.lewis@ci.shreveport.la.us](mailto:frederick.lewis@ci.shreveport.la.us)

### Senior Happenings



SPAR's Recreation Department recently held a Juneteenth Celebration at AB Palmer Park, featuring guest speaker Dr. Mary Louise Wilson, the first African American female Chancellor at Southern University Shreveport. Dr. Wilson, gave an inspiring speech about the history of

Juneteenth Celebration and its relevance today. The A. B. Palmer Community Choir performed.

The eldest Senior from each Center was recognized and honored:

Nellie Scott- A. B. Palmer- 91  
Johnnye Buggs- David Raines  
83 Donzell Wilkins- Lakeside- 89  
Ethel Brown- Valencia- 90

Pearline C. Jones- Bilberry- 86  
Etta V. Hall- Hattie Perry- 90  
Haymond Boyd- Airport- 93  
Alice Boone- Bill Cockrell- 69  
Gertha Glass- Chris Hays- 67

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Basic Computing Classes begin July 7, 2008. Call your nearest Community Center for dates and times. Or call 318-629-0369 or visit [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org)